

COMMODITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (CAC) MEETING
NOVEMBER 15-16-2000
Minutes

Wednesday, November 15, 2000

CAC Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. at the C. B. Young Center at Jefferson County Schools in Louisville.

CAC members present:

Chair Person	Julia Bauscher	Region 8	Absent
Vice- Chair	Vacant	Region 9	Kathy Payton
Secretary	Absent	Independent Rep	Charolette White
Region 1 Rep.	Victor Steffen	Private Sch Rep	Vacant
Region 3 Rep	Absent	RCCI Rep	Absent
Region 4 Rep	Absent	Industry Rep	Larry Blundred
Region 5 Rep	Eleanor Hall	Education Rep	Absent
Region 6 Rep	Janey Thornton	Food Distribution	Teresa Ulery
Region 7 Rep	Katrina Crutcher		Sarah Castanis
	Susan Wiley		

Teresa presented the agenda for the day, then turned the program over to Larry Blundred, Industry Representative.

Larry handed out materials from two State-approved processors: Wawonna Frozen Foods and Up State Farms.

He reported that there were no problems presented to him to bring before the council from any of the processors.

Larry discussed the New Beef Specifications and the impact it is having on the processing. He ask what types of impact this situation was or could have on the school lunch program, the following were concerns: more items being purchased, selling more alcarte items, laying off staff, and reducing the number of items being offered each day.

Beef received to late in the school year could be backhauled to beef processors to be processed and held until school starts next year.

Teresa reported that the first orders of beef were ordered for August, but were not delivered until October. Seventeen trucks of beef have been received in state thus far, which is about 10 trucks short for the same time last year. The price per pound is ranging between \$1.61 and \$1.65, compared to \$1.15 this time last year.

Teresa also discussed the role of the Commodity Advisory Council Member.

All members should have an alternate that can attend meetings with them or in their place when they are not able to attend.

CAC members will be ask to conduct surveys of each of the agencies before attending the CAC meeting.

This is so information can be brought before the council for discussion.

You may be asked to conduct a survey on the acceptance of a new commodity being offered by USDA.

You may be asked to disseminate information on food complaints, new specifications on commodities, and any changes that may be made by this office at the state or federal levels.

The information you provide assist this office in making decisions for the schools in Kentucky. It is very important that all your schools know who you are and what you do as a member of the Commodity Advisory Council.

Teresa also informed the council and introduced the New Commodity Advisory Council members present. Janey Thornton, Hardin County Schools - Region 6; Susan Wiley, Muhlenberg County Schools - Region 7; and Kathy Payton, Trigg County Schools - Region 9.

Broke for Lunch 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Julia Bauscher, Jefferson County conducted a tour of Jefferson County new central kitchen

Presentations by:

Pres Colwell, Michael Foods, and Chris Nelson broker - Michael Foods processes Eggs into egg patties, scrambled eggs and diced eggs and many other items.

Leigh Richardson - Marketing and Sales Representative for PFS Brokerage. Leigh discussed the issues concerning marketing and sales representative. What type of information they need to complete a food order and the process they must go through to gather, compile and place orders for their companies. She also ask questions of the CAC members, such as what type of information they needed to make a decision on a processed product, how they new when a product was received at the distributor, and what she as a marketing and sales representative could do to facilitate the orders.

Wednesday ending time 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 16, 2000

Meeting started at 8:45 a.m.

Teresa Ulery called the meeting to order and ask for Regional Reports:

Region 1 Victor Steffen - Campbell County Schools

Suggestion was made that we contact Gordon Foods, Columbus OH as a Bid possibility at the end of this bid term.

Region 2 Julia Bauscher - Jefferson County Schools

Jefferson County is testing a new Orange Cranberry Muffin. When successful she will share the recipe with all schools.

Region 3 Not Present

Region 4 Not Present - but did send a concern from the Region
Beef Issue and how it is effecting Kentucky

Region 5 Eleanor Hall - Scott County Schools

Types of Bonus items and how the schools can tell by looking at the Notice of Allocation Form (KY-FD-1).

Can the Perpetual Inventory be done on the computer and will be able to send the Semi-Annual Inventory (KY-FD-10-S) electronically in the future?

Region 6 Janey Thornton - Hardin County Schools

Two new Food Service Directors - Larue County - Dee Ann Sanders and Fort Knox Schools - Jerry Leaverson requested training on the Foods Program.

DOD Produce has been great.

Carroll County Schools - Patty Burgess - Need more information on the case price of Processed items.

Betty McLean - Bullitt County Schools - Questions on delivery times and schedules.

Judy Gaddie - Marion County Schools - needs recipes on new items received this school year.

Janey will send information to all CAC members on Meal talk.

Region 7 Katrina Crutcher - Meade County Schools

No problems everything running fine. Concerns about the Beef Issue. Meade County has not received Trail Mix.

Susan Wiley - All reports positive.

Region 8 Joyce Alexander - Edmonson County Schools

Beef Issue and concerns on recipes for new items are not cost effective.

Region 9 Kathy Payton - Trigg County Schools

Beef Issue

Requested information on joining American Commodity Distribution Association (ACDA).

Processing Issues discussed:

Can schools request number of pounds or cases to be processed, instead of percentages?

Can processors notify schools who process with them of items being shipped to the distributors by e-mail?

Electronic tracking log for all processed items would assist in calculating cost and estimated number of cases to be received.

Is it possible to color code items from the processors, so managers will be able to recognize different products from the same processor?

Teresa and Sarah discussed with CAC members:

Farm-to-School Initiative, Commodity Updates, entitlement updates this school year, Food Distribution Web Page and an updates web page from the Simmons Computing Services. This will allow schools to have allocation; arrival and entitlement information at their finger tips next school year.

Administrator's Conference Topics:

Step by step instructions on processing (conducted by R/A processor and broker)

Bid Specifications

State Approved Processors Broker Meeting

Commodity Advisory Council Breakout

Farm-to-School Initiative